

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13, 14, 26-32, and 44-46 were previously and are currently pending and under consideration.

There are 21 claims pending, of which 4 are independent (claims 1, 13, 26, and 44).

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13, 14, 26-32, and 44-46 stand rejected.

Claims 44-46 are amended herein.

No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection rejections is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS 44-46

Claims 44-46 are amended to clarify an aspect of the invention. Claim 44 recites a device driver receiving a pointer to a compressed data file, using the pointer to access the data file and attempt to decompress it, thereby determining whether the compressed data file can be decompressed by the printer or device driver.

As discussed in Applicant's last submission, the currently cited art postdates the current application. Therefore, these amendments are not made to overcome any specific prior art reference.

Should the Examiner find features of some of the claims to be allowable, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss whether all of the claims might be similarly amended.



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CONCLUSION

The present application is in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is requested.

Should any fees be required in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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